

Lusher Street
Elkhart, Indiana

US EPA RECORDS CENTER REGION 5



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SITE BACKGROUND

The Lusher Street site under investigation encompasses a 46 square block residential - industrial area on the southwest side of Elkhart. The area is bordered to the north by the St. Joseph River, to the west by State Road 19, to the east by Avalon Street (north of Lusher Street), and 15th Street (south of Lusher Street), and to the south by Leininger Street.

Elkhart County Health Department sampled 145 wells identifying 103 which were contaminated with 1,1,1,-TCA and/or TCE. Fifteen of the 103 affected wells were found to contain levels that exceed or were within 500% of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) removal action level for TCE (128PPB) and /or 1,1,1,-TCA (500PPB). subsequently, the ECHD requested assistance from the U.S. EPA in providing alternate drinking water supplies to the affected residents and businesses.

The direction of groundwater flow in the area is northeasterly also towards the St. Joseph River.

SCOPE OF WORK

The PRP Search should identify a history of the site. Interviews should be held with knowledgeable people regarding the Site's history. Local, County, State, and Federal files should be examined. The following is an itemized list of the tasks required for this search.

1. Local, County, State, and Federal records should be examined, to determine the use of the land. Also, area residents should be interviewed specifically to obtain information on the site. Review all pertinent files and obtain copies of all records on site operations and activities.
2. Prepare a Title Search and history of ownership, if appropriate, for the area identified as Lusher Street. This title search should include documents such as liens, leases, title transfers, etc. which relate to Lusher Street, and to all owners and operators of the property to the present time.
3. Conduct an industrial survey of the area including the city of Elkhart and develop an inventory of business, industries, and facilities which use chlorinated solvents in the past. This survey should require the business or facility to specifically identify the type of chlorinated solvents they use or store, and provide volumes if the information is available.

4. Examine Local, County, State, and Federal records for information on the business or facilities identified in the industrial survey, including all permits relating to pollution control (NPEDS, RCRA, etc). All hazardous waste manifests and hazardous waste generator reports should be obtained from the appropriate agencies concerning the PRP'S identified in this search.
5. Examine the identified PRP's waste disposal practices from the time of operation to the present. This will include a review of files and interviews with knowledgeable people.
6. Provide corporate and financial information on all PRP's.
7. Obtain current verified mailing addresses of all identified PRP's or if current mailing addresses are not available provide the name and address of their registered agent. Mailing addresses will be computerized using the generic data base provided by the U.S. EPA. Jacobs will provide copies of the program diskettes.

No interviews should be conducted without U.S. EPA primary contact approval.

LOE hours should not be used for copying purposes.

The contractor shall telephone U.S. EPA primary contact bi-weekly to discuss the projects progress.

DELIVERABLES AND DUE DATES

The contractor will submit a draft final report of the findings of this PRP search on or before August 23, 1988, and the final report will be submitted on or before September 23, 1988. All supporting documents including the Title Search, Local, County, State and Federal records, memoranda of interviews, and results of the industrial survey, shall be submitted with the draft final as appendices. The diskette containing the PRP mailing addresses will also be submitted with the draft final report.

TRAVEL

The contractor will find it necessary to make on trip to Indiana.

ESTIMATED LEVEL OF EFFORT

This work assignment is not to exceed 200 Technical Labor Hours (TLH).

The U.S. EPA primary contact is Evette Bryant, Responsible Party Unit, and can be reached at (312) 886-9481.